

Applicants respectfully request these amendments be considered with the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning on page 5, line 17 was amended as follows:

~~Fig 1. is a~~ Figs. 1(a) and 1(b) are cross-sectional view views of a magnetic disc medium of the related art.

The paragraph beginning on page 5, line 21 was amended as follows:

~~Fig. 3 is a diagram~~ Figs. 3(a) - 3(g) are diagrams illustrating the process for smoothing the surface of the disc medium.